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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of BORNHORST ET AL.)
) Art Unit: 1761
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 Serial Number: 09/544,349) Examiner: Corbin, A.
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 Filed: April 6, 2000) Atty Docket: 5282USA
 For: FOOD PRODUCT METHOD OF PREPARATION

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this extended prosecution application, kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of preparing a snack product from a cooked cereal dough, comprising the steps of:
- A. providing free cereal grain pieces having a particle size of about 0.5 to 2.5 mm and a moisture content of at least 18%;
 - B. cooking and forming the grain pieces into a cooked cereal dough in a cooker extruder in a first cooking step at a temperature sufficient to gelatinize cereal starch in the grain pieces to provide an at least partially cooked cereal mass or dough having discernible grain bits from the free cereal grain pieces of step A, said forming step including adding sufficient